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## Certification

### **Q. How do I become an EMT in Idaho?**

A. To become an EMT in Idaho several steps must be concluded:

1. Successfully complete a state approved EMS training program.
2. Pass the National Registry of EMT's practical and computer based 'written' exams.
3. Complete a Criminal History Background Check,
4. Affiliate with an Idaho EMS agency licensed at or above the level of certification,
5. Submit a complete Idaho EMS Provider Application Form to the Idaho EMS Bureau
6. Pay any initial fees required (\$35 for EMT-P and AEMT-A only)

Upon completion of these steps and verification of all information, an Idaho EMS Certification card will be mailed to you.

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### **Q. I am a Provider moving to Idaho and certified in another state; what do I need to become certified in Idaho (Reciprocity)?**

A. There are four components to achieving certification reciprocity in Idaho:

1. Obtain an Idaho EMS Provider Reciprocity form from [www.idahoems.org](http://www.idahoems.org).
  - a. You will need to affiliate with an Idaho EMS agency licensed at or above the level of certification prior to applying for certification. An affiliating signature is required as part of the Provider Application Form.
  - b. Submit a copy of all EMS certification cards listed on pg 2 of the application form.
2. Complete page one of the two-page State Verification Request Form found as part of the application form. Submit both pages to Idaho EMS prior to your provider application form to verify your EMS standing for each state you currently hold an EMS certification.
3. Pass a Criminal History Background Check (CHC).
4. If you do not hold a current NREMT card, pass the National Registry of EMT's Assessment Exam and submit proof of successful completion of this exam with your provider application form.
5. After successfully completing the CHC, submit a copy of the following to the Idaho EMS Bureau:
  - a. Provider application form with affiliating signatures.
  - b. Copies of all current EMS certifications.

- c. State verification request forms if not previously submitted.
- d. Valid NREMT card or passing assessment exam results.
- e. Initial fees if required (\$35 for EMT-P and AEMT-A only)

Upon completion of these steps and verification of all information, an Idaho EMS Certification card will be mailed to you. For further information contact the EMS Bureau at (208) 334-4000.

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**Q. I have my National Registry card. Isn't that all I need to be certified?**

A. No. Individuals who obtain only a National Registry card cannot legally function or represent themselves as a certified EMS Provider in the State of Idaho.

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**Q. Where can I go for affiliation?**

A. Any licensed EMS agency can provide affiliation opportunities. Your Regional EMS Office can assist you in locating a licensed EMS Agency in the desired location.

**Q. How do I complete a Criminal Background check?**

A. All Criminal Background checks for an Idaho EMT certification must be completed by the Criminal History Unit of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. Applications and additional information can be found at <https://www.chu.dhw.idaho.gov/>. The toll-free telephone number for Criminal History Unit is 1-800-340-1246. The Idaho EMS Bureau will supply an employee identification number upon request at (208) 334-4000.

**Q. When can I apply for my ambulance rating and what are the requirements?**

A. To apply for an ambulance rating, you must first be an Idaho certified EMT-B and obtain 25 supervised in-field patient contacts. Your agency of affiliation will verify your in-field patient contacts. To apply for an ambulance rating submit a completed ambulance rating form to the Idaho EMS Bureau. Forms can be found at [www.idahoems.org](http://www.idahoems.org) → certification forms.

**Q. How long is my Idaho certification good for?**

A. Idaho First Responder and EMT-Basic certifications are issued for 3 years, Advanced EMT-A and EMT-Paramedic certifications are issued for 2 years. Your Idaho State EMT Certification Expiration date can be found on your certification card.

**Q. What if I have more than one affiliation?**

A. If you have more than one affiliation, please list all affiliating agencies on your certification application. You will only need the affiliation signature of your primary agency for certification or recertification.

**Recertification**

**Q. When can I submit my recertification paperwork?**

A. You may submit your recertification application up to six months in advance of your expiration date. All completed recertification paperwork must be submitted by close of business the day your certification expires. If you mail your paperwork, it must be postmarked by the expiration date.

**Q. Can I have an extension on my certification?**

A. No extensions are given on Idaho State EMS Certifications.

**Q. My card is expired, how can I get my certification back?**

A. If your card has expired for less than 24 months you are eligible for a reinstatement.

Complete the following steps to regain your Idaho EMS Certification:

1. Complete all recertification requirements for the certification period that has expired
2. Complete additional prorated continuing education hours based on your expiration date. Your Regional EMS Bureau office can help you determine the amount of extra hours needed.
3. Pass a Criminal History Background Check (CHC).
4. If you do not hold a current NREMT card, pass the National Registry of EMT's Assessment Exam and submit proof of successful completion of this exam with your provider application/reinstatement form.
5. After successfully completing the CHC, submit a copy of the following to the Idaho EMS Bureau:
  - a. Provider application form with affiliating signatures.
  - b. Completed recertification education record with correct course documentations, prorated CE hours, and medical director signatures.
  - c. Valid NREMT card or passing assessment exam results.
  - d. Reinstatement fees if required (\$35 for EMT-P and AEMT-A only)

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**Q. What are my recertification requirements?**

A. Recertification requirements for each level can be found on the associated Recertification Education Record. Contact your local EMS Regional Office for more information.

**Q. Do any of my classes from school meet the criteria for continuing education?**

A. Continuing education is - prepared training sessions related to the objective of the initial training course or curriculum. The EMS Bureau will accept any classes that meet this criteria and have been approved by your affiliating agency Medical Director or Training Officer.

**Courses**

**Q. Where do I find initial or refresher training?**

A. There are several sources for EMT training in Idaho. Visit [www.idahoems.org](http://www.idahoems.org) for a list of Idaho training institutions. For additional information on upcoming courses contact the EMS Bureau at (208) 334-4000.

**Exams**

**Q. I have just completed my EMT course, how do I sign up for an Exam?**

A. Idaho has adopted the National Registry exam as the required certification exam. There are two phases for NREMT exams in Idaho, the practical exam and the computer based 'written' exam. A list of practical exams can be found at [www.idahoems.org](http://www.idahoems.org). To begin the application process, follow the steps provided by the NREMT at [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org).

**Q. What is the due date to register for an exam?**

A. Idaho practical exam dates and submission deadlines can be found at [www.idahoems.org](http://www.idahoems.org).

**Q. When is your next National Registry Exam?**

A. Idaho practical exam dates and submission deadlines can be found at [www.idahoems.org](http://www.idahoems.org). Computer Based 'written' exams are contracted by National Registry with Pearsonvue testing centers throughout the country. Contact the NREMT at (614) 888-4484 for more information on the computer based exam process.

**Q. Do I have to maintain my National Registry certification if I have a State of Idaho certification?**

A. No, a NREMT Certification is not required to provide services in Idaho if you maintain your Idaho certification. However, maintaining a NREMT Certification may make it easier to reinstate your Idaho certification if it lapses, or to transfer your EMT certification to another state if you move.

**Other**

**Q. What is the job market for EMTs in Idaho?**

A. A general description of Emergency Medicine professions can be found at the US Department of Labor <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos101.htm>. Information on Idaho or Idaho city specific EMT employment can be found from the Idaho Department of Labor at <http://labor.idaho.gov/DNN/Default.aspx?alias=labor.idaho.gov/dnn/idcl>.